BUDGET RESOLUTION/Executive Branch Campaign Funds & Sexual Harassment

SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 1996-2002 . . . S. Con. Res. 13. Dole perfecting amendment No. 1159 to the Exon (for Boxer) amendment No. 1158.

ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 55-45

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. Con. Res. 13, the fiscal year 1996 Concurrent Budget Resolution, will reduce projected spending over 7 years to balance the budget by fiscal year (FY) 2002 without increasing taxes. Savings that will accrue from lower debt service payments (an estimated \$170 billion) will be dedicated to a reserve fund, which may be used for tax reductions after enactment of laws to ensure a balanced budget. Highlights include the following: the rate of growth in Medicare will be slowed to 7.1 percent; Medicaid's rate of growth will be slowed to 5 percent and it will be transformed into a block grant program; the Commerce Department and more than 100 other Federal programs, agencies, and commissions will be eliminated; welfare and housing programs will be reformed; agriculture, energy, and transportation subsidies will be cut; foreign aid will be cut; defense spending will be cut and then allowed to increase back to its 1995 level; and Social Security will not be altered.

The Exon (for Boxer) amendment would express the sense of Congress that "no Member of Congress may use campaign funds to defend against sexual harassment lawsuits."

The Dole perfecting amendment to the Boxer amendment would strike everything after the word "Congress" and would insert "that no Member of Congress or the Executive Branch may use campaign funds or privately donated funds to defend against sexual harassment lawsuits."

The amendment was offered after all debate time had expired.

NOTE: Following the vote, the Boxer amendment, as amended, was adopted by voice vote. See also vote No. 196.

No arguments were expressed either in favor of or in opposition to the amendment.

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